

# **TRF Cal Ripken Tournament 2017**

**TOURNAMENT MANAGER:** Shane Zutz

**FIELD LOCATIONS:**

- \* MEC Center, Corner of Highway 1 East and 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast (**Fields 1-7**)
- \*Twin's Field and Prowler Field, 300 Spruce Avenue South at Franklin Middle School.
- \*Prowler Field is closest to the Highway.

**BASEBALLS:**

Each team is to provide one baseball per game. Please get these to the umpire to start the game.

**RAIN INFORMATION:**

Call or send a text – that might be best bet if phone is busy. Shane Zutz (Cell 218-686-1090). If the weather is questionable I will send out a REMIND by 9:30 on Friday to give you an update before you leave for Thief River Falls. Standings for Saturday will be sent out by REMIND as well. Please send the REMIND information to all your parents as well.

**EMERGENCY WEATHER SHELTER:**

Northland Community and Technical College will be used as an emergency shelter in case of severe weather.

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

Teams will be allowed to take infield only if time allows. We have all veteran umpires. Once game starts they control play. Home team will be decided by a coin flip. All teams will play two games on Friday and two games on Saturday. Medals will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams.

**CONCESSIONS AND ADMISSION:**

Concessions are available at all fields. Rest rooms are available at all parks. There will be a \$5 admission charge for adults each day. Students (17 and under), players, and coaches will be admitted free.

**THANK YOU:**

The Thief River Falls Baseball Association is very excited to have you attend our tournament. If there is anything you would like to suggest to improve the tournament please let me know. Our tournament fills fast. We turned down a large number of teams this year. If you know of teams who want to participate in our tourney next year, we are usually full by April 1. Thanks for coming and we hope to see you next year. Dates for next year are June 15&16, 2017.

## TRF Cal Ripken 9-Year Old Tournament Rules

REGULAR BASEBALL RULES WILL APPLY EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING

\*Games are 6 innings in length. However, after 90 minutes the next inning started will be the last inning. EXAMPLE--5:00 game, it is 6:30 and it is the bottom of the 3rd. The 4th inning will be the last inning. In case of a tie we will put a runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> base (the runner will be the last out of the previous inning) with one out for the bottom and top of the inning to determine the winner.

10-run rule after 4 innings.

Pitchers may not pitch in more than 6 innings in 2 consecutive games. (1 pitch=1 inning). This is a rolling six format.

The second trip to the mound in the same inning to the same pitcher shall automatically result in the removal of that pitcher from the game as a pitcher only.

If a runner attempting to reach home plate intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate, he will be called out on the play and ejected from the game. Players must slide into home plate.

There are no balks.

Bunting is allowed.

Catchers do not have to catch the third strike in order for the batter to be called out.

**There is no stealing. Runners may advance on passed balls or wild pitches from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Runners may not advance home. This ensures teams put someone behind the plate who can catch and are not chasing baseballs to the backstop after every pitch.**

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There is no designated hitter or courtesy runner allowed. Make sure to have someone ready to warm up pitcher.

The standard re-entry rule will be used. There is no designated hitter or courtesy runner allowed. An extra hitter may be used so that a team may bat 10 players. The extra hitter will be treated as any other starter. If teams want to bat the entire lineup they may do so as well. So you are either bat 9 or 10 or the entire lineup.

The mound is 46 feet from home plate and the bases are 65 feet in length.

Metal spikes are not permitted.

In case a game needs to go to extra innings a runner will be placed at second base (the last person out of the previous inning) with no outs. If after that full inning the game is still a tie, the game will end in a tie.